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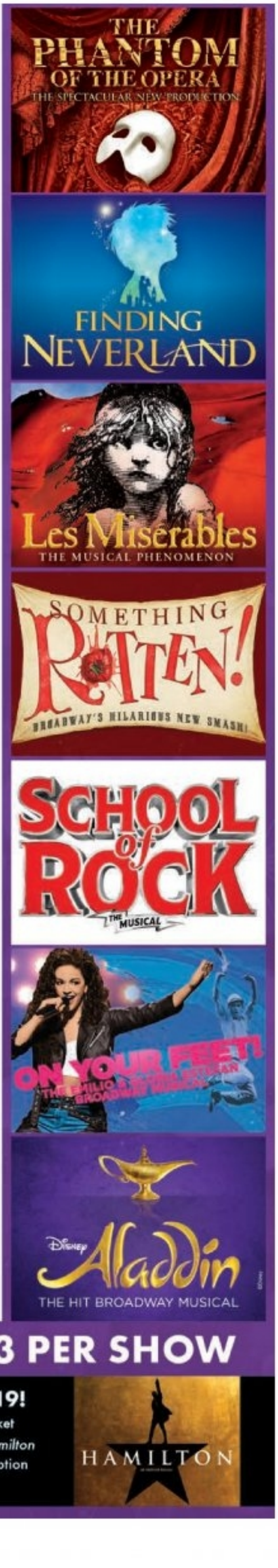

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TRUMP UNLIKELY TO WIN CONGRESS WALL SUPPORT

1 President Trump is unlikely to win congressional support for funds he wants for a proposed U.S.-Mexico border wall before an Oct. 1 deadline, meaning he may have to choose between backing down on a key campaign promise or shutting down the government. The second option was a politically dangerous one before Hurricane Harvey tore through Texas over the weekend and it now looks even riskier. At a campaign-style rally in Phoenix last week, Trump doubled down on his demands that Congress fund a Mexican border wall in government spending legislation, adding a threat. "If we have to close down our government, we're building that wall," he told supporters. Since then, lawmakers who were already struggling to hammer out a stop-gap federal spending bill before Oct. 1 to avoid a shutdown have had to factor in Trump's threat as well.

ALL OPTIONS ON TABLE AFTER N. KOREA LAUNCH

2 President Donald Trump warned on Tuesday that all options are on the table for the United States to respond to North Korea's firing of a ballistic missile over northern Japan's Hokkaido island into the sea in a new show of force. The missile test further increased tension in east Asia as U.S. and South Korean forces conducted annual military exercises on the Korean peninsula, angering Pyongyang, which sees the war games as a preparation for invasion. North Korea has conducted dozens of ballistic missile tests under its leader, Kim Jong Un, in defiance of U.N. sanctions, but firing projectiles over mainland Japan is rare. Trump, who has vowed not to let North Korea develop nuclear missiles that can hit the mainland United States, said the world had received North Korea's latest message "loud and clear."

RAIN RECORD

3 Rescue workers and volunteers help residents make their way out of a flooded neighborhood after it was inundated with rainwater following Hurricane Harvey on Tuesday in Houston, Texas. Harvey, which made landfall north of Corpus Christi on Aug. 25, has dumped nearly 50 inches of rain in and around areas of Houston. GETTY IMAGE

5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

IRAN REJECTS US DEMAND FOR UN VISIT TO SITES

4 Iran has dismissed a U.S. demand for United Nations nuclear inspectors to visit its military bases as "merely a dream". It also said the International Atomic Energy Agency was unlikely to agree anyway. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Nikki Haley, last week pressed the IAEA to seek access to Iranian military bases to ensure that they were not concealing activities banned by the 2015 nuclear deal reached between Iran and six major powers. U.S. President Donald Trump has called the nuclear pact — negotiated under his predecessor Barack Obama — "the worst deal ever." In April, he ordered a review of whether a suspension of nuclear sanctions on Iran was .in the U.S. interest. Iranian government spokesman Mohammad Baqer Nobakht responded at a weekly news conference broadcast on state television on Tuesday.

UBER PROBED, POSSIBLE BRIBERY LAW VIOLATIONS

5 Uber Technologies Inc. said on Tuesday it was cooperating with a preliminary investigation led by the U.S. Department of Justice into possible violations of bribery laws. The preliminary investigation is the latest in a series of legal wrangles at Uber as the ride-services company waits for its new chief executive to take the reins. Uber has chosen Dara Khosrowshahi, the CEO of Expedia Inc., as its next leader, sources have told Reuters, but the company has not yet made it official. A spokesman for the company confirmed the existence of a "preliminary investigation" following a report by the Wall Street Journal on Tuesday that the Justice Department had started probing whether managers at Uber violated U.S. laws against bribery of foreign officials, specifically the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

FAST FACT **58%**

A survey from Pew Research released yesterday found that 58 percent of Republican and Republican-leaning Americans think Trump should be listening more to the more experienced members of his party.

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People board a Harris County Sheriff airboat while escaping a flooded neighborhood during the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. GETTY IMAGES

Trump surveys 'epic' damage as Harvey's rains lash Texas

Some 3,500 people have been rescued, with police, firefighters and National Guard troops continuing to locate those marooned in high waters.

President Donald Trump arrived in Texas on Tuesday to survey the damage of Tropical Storm Harvey, the biggest natural disaster of his tenure, as record-setting rainfall lashed Houston and tens of thousands of people fled flooded homes.

The slow-moving storm has brought catastrophic flooding to Texas, killing at least 11 people and paralyzing Houston, the fourth most-populous U.S. city. City officials were preparing to shelter up to 19,000 people, with thousands more expected to flee the area as the flooding entered its fourth day.

A wide swath of Houston and its surrounding suburbs were under water and forecasters warned the rain would continue through Thursday, stressing the dams and drainage systems that protect the low-lying U.S. energy hub.

Officials in Harris County, where Houston is located, warned residents to evacuate as they released water from overflowing reservoirs to alleviate pressure on two dams, which would add to flooding along the Buffalo Bayou waterway that runs through the area.

Trump, speaking in Corpus Christi near where Harvey first came ashore last week as the most powerful hurricane to strike Texas in more than 50 years, said he wanted the relief effort to stand as an example of how to respond to a storm.

"We want to do it better than ever before," he said.

Trump later spoke to a crowd of people affected by the storm.

"This storm, it's epic what happened. But you know what, it happened in Texas, and Texas can handle anything," Trump said, before waving a Texas state flag over the crowd, standing on a stepladder near a fire truck.

Harvey has drawn comparisons with Hurricane Katrina, which devastated New Orleans 12 years ago, killing 1,800 people. Former President George W. Bush was widely criticized for his administration's handling of the response to that disaster, taking a heavy toll on public support of his administration.

Trump was aiming to avoid a similar reaction.

An 11th death was reported on Tuesday — Houston Police Sgt. Steve Perez, 60, a 34-year veteran of the force whose body was found after apparently drowning while attempting to get to work on Sunday, Police Chief Art Acevedo told reporters.

Acevedo said Perez's family had urged him not to leave the house because of the dangerous flooding but the officer told them, "We have work to do."

Large numbers of civilians also formed ad hoc rescue groups.

Gloria Stilwell, 44, who described herself as a stay-at-home mom, said she agreed with Trump's assessment that Houstonians were well equipped to handle the storm.

"I totally agree with him. Texas can definitely handle it," Stilwell said. "I've lived here since 1980, through plenty of hurricanes. Texans have always banded together."

Nurse Lisa Ike, 39, was less impressed.

"Texas can handle anything? I just lost my house and three cars. We need help," Ike said, after seeing Trump's comments.

She said she did not vote in the election and said she had not yet made up her mind about Trump, adding, "My opinion will be made by how he handles this situation."

The storm broke rainfall records for the continental United States, with one site near Houston recording 51 inches of precipitation since the storm's start.

Multiple looters were arrested overnight, police said.

Harvey has roiled energy markets and wrought damage estimated to be in the billions of dollars, with rebuilding likely to last beyond Trump's four-year term in office.

The Gulf of Mexico is home to half of U.S. refining capacity. The reduction in supply led gasoline futures to hit their highest level in two years this week as Harvey knocked out about 16 percent of total U.S. refining capacity, based on company reports and Reuters estimates. REUTERS

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Confederate battle flag sales boom after Charlottesville clash

Demand for Confederate flags at Chris Ackerman's Civil War memorabilia shop in Pennsylvania has surged since violence at a white nationalist rally in Virginia this month reignited the United States' debate over race and the legacy of slavery.

The trend has been similar for other sellers of the Confederate battle flag, retailers report. But now that most major U.S. flag makers no longer produce it, given the controversy over the banner, much of the new demand is filled by imports from China and other countries.

"We need to get more flags," Ackerman recalled saying following the first order after the Aug. 12 rally in Charlottesville, Virginia. His Gettysburg Regimental Quartermaster store, near Pennsylvania's historic Civil War battlefield, and website sell $400 handmade flags to re-enactors and $40 ones shipped from China.

Ackerman said demand had jumped fourfold to as many as 40 sales a week, an increase he likened to the surge in gun sales that occur whenever new gun control measures are weighed or feared.

A national debate has intensified over symbols of the pro-slavery Confederacy. Civil rights activists say they promote racism, while advocates contend they recognize Civil War valor and are a vital reminder of their Southern heritage.

The flashpoint for the Aug. 12 violence in Charlottesville was a protest organized by white nationalists against plans to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee.

Some businesses also got involved: The Six Flags Over Texas amusement park removed a Confederate flag from its entrance. And local news media reported that a flea market in Pennsylvania asked vendors not to sell Confederate flags.

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Rep. Lou Barletta has plans to run for the Senate. GETTY IMAGES

Lou Barletta announces senate run

Republican Rep. Lou Barletta has announced his intentions to run a campaign against Sen. Bob Casey.

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Republican Congressman Lou Barletta, who represents the state's 11th congressional district, announced a plan to run against Democratic Sen. Bob Casey, with a video released on his campaign website on Monday.

In the video, Barletta — who became a member of Congress in 2011 after serving as mayor of Hazleton for 11 years — claimed Casey is "building up a war chest bankrolled by the most extreme liberal special interest groups in the country."

Barletta's district represents areas including Hazleton, Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, as well as parts of Columbia, Monroe, Carbon and Luzerne counties.

Earlier this year, a member of Barletta's office told the Associated Press that President Donald Trump had urged Barletta to run against Casey in the upcoming 2018 election, where Casey would be seeking a third term in office.

In the recently released video, Barletta never mentioned the president, but he echoed Trump in urging Pennsylvanians to sign up and donate to his campaign to "make Pennsylvania and America great again."

In the video, Barletta also urged viewers to take a moment to learn about his life's accomplishments. As pointed out by the AP, these include controversial measures he attempted to bring to Hazleton in 2006 that would have denied permits to businesses who hired illegal immigrants and would have fined landlords who rented properties to illegal immigrants.

These measures were struck down by the Supreme Court in 2014 after the highest court in America refused to review these measures after they had been declared unconstitutional by lower courts.

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Airport workers union strikes new deal with airline

The union that represents the city's airport workers struck a deal for contract negotiations with the help of the city.

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After years of protests and unrest, 32BJ SEIU, the union that represents service industry employees, including low-wage workers in fast food, healthcare and airport services, has struck a long-awaited deal between the union, American Airlines and its contractors.

On Tuesday at City Hall, city representatives, members of the union and airline employees announced a collective bargaining agreement that, union representatives said, would provide a path forward to contract negotiations that could include better wages and more secure jobs.

"Folks at the airport … should not be struggling to get by," said Mayor Jim Kenney, noting that the city's airport is one of the region's biggest economic engines.

A similar deal was in place last year after workers in the union held a strike during the Democratic National Convention. That deal would have secured an effort to push for workers to get basic health benefits, paid sick days and the ability to negotiate for better wages.

But, after the election of President Donald Trump, union representatives said that deal fell through.

However, 32BJ SEIU Vice President Gabe Morgan said that Tuesday's agreement restores what they had lost.

"This means we can begin a process to reach a collective bargaining agreement in the next few months," said Morgan.

During the day's announcement, a room full of union workers cheered the agreement with many shouting, "Thirty-two B-J," at several opportunities. Kenney himself led a cheer

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Mayor Kenney announced an agreement between airport workers and American Airlines and their contractors. HAYDEN MITMAN

of the union's letters in his time before the crowd.

"I know it wasn't easy, but I'm sure this was the right thing to do," said Kenney.

The agreement is between the union, which represents 1,400 workers at the Philadelphia International Airport, American Airlines and its contracting companies, PrimeFlight and Prospect.

Union representatives said Tuesday's agreement would end more than four years of "worker unrest."

"Philly needs good jobs to make Philly great for everyone," said Alfred Williams, a baggage handler at the airport and a member of the union. "We are your neighbors. We take pride in the work we do every day. … We have a strong union contract and that makes all the difference."

Morgan said that a collective bargaining agreement is expected to be reached within the next six months.

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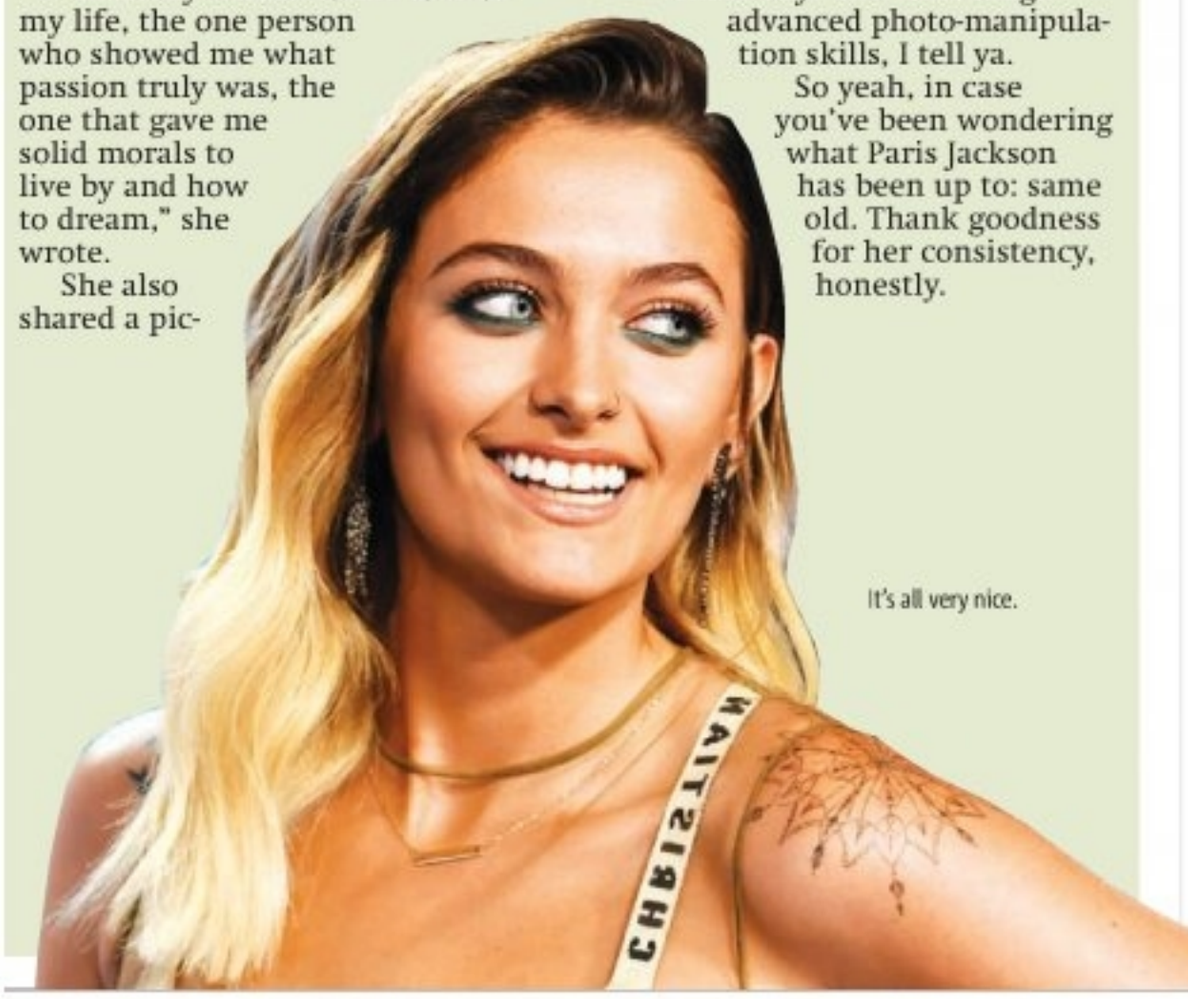
Paris Jackson's tribute

Tuesday, Aug. 29, would have been Michael Jackson's 59th birthday. And so his um, daughter, Paris — Paris-Michael Katherine Jackson, if ya nasty — wrote a tribute to her late um, dad, on Instagram.

"Birthday wishes to the love of my life, the one person who showed me what passion truly was, the one that gave me solid morals to live by and how to dream," she wrote.

She also shared a picture of herself from Sunday's VMA awards — where she gave a rousing political speech condemning white supremacy — with some sort of weird shadow of Michael kissing her forehead. I don't know. Kids these days and their-mega advanced photo-manipulation skills, I tell ya.

So yeah, in case you've been wondering what Paris Jackson has been up to: same old. Thank goodness for her consistency, honestly.

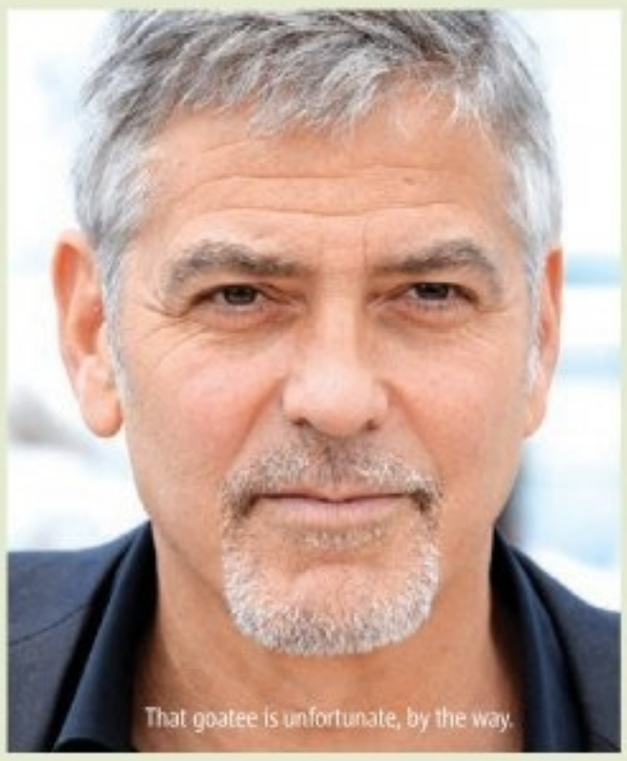


It's all very nice.

George Clooney tries relatable

Did you know? George Clooney is just a regular, relatable dad! And he would like to take this time to prove it to you!

In an interview with the Associated Press, he talks about his daddy duties because guys! He's just your standard dude slash dad — he's just like the rest of us! "I just have to clean the barf off my tux," the 56-year-old said. "It used to be my barf, but now it's the twins' barf. So it all works out."


That goatee is unfortunate, by the way.

Ha ha! Goodness Clooney, you are just so clever!

In case you were wondering about the women who carried a set of twins around in her uterus and then delivered them, well, Clooney is willing to give Amal credit where credit is due — but just for a second, because let's make sure we're paying attention to him for the most part, OK? "She's like an Olympic athlete. She's doing so beautifully." So kind of you to notice, Clooney!

Sure: Nick still loves Vanessa

Mmhm, of course.

Last week, "Bachelor" alums Nick Viall and Vanessa Grimaldi confirmed they were ending their relationship a mere five months after their televised engagement. Now, each of them is opening up about it the only way they know how — via Instagram and or interviews with gossip rags!

Grimaldi posted an emo picture of her leaning on some rando's shoulder and wrote, "It's OK to feel broken. It's OK to cry. It's OK to lean on a friend. In the end, it will always be OK." Sure!

Viall, for his part, admits he still loves Vanessa a ton. "I'm not afraid to say that. I like to try new things, get out of my comfort zone. I know I have a lot of work to do in that arena."

Something to note, though: His relationship with Grimaldi was his fourth attempt to find love through the "Bachelor" franchise.

Hey dude, maybe reality TV induced love just isn't for you. It's not for most people, to be honest.

Corinne Olympios opens ups

The "Bachelor in Paradise" scandal continues.

Corinne Olympios — of "Bachelor in Paradise" fame — is finally opening up about the scandal that rocked the reality-television world earlier this summer. And she says, she doesn't blame DeMario Jackson, at all.

The 24-year-old appeared on "Good Morning America" to set the record straight. And apparently, a reaction to drugs and alcohol was to blame. "It was like I went under anesthesia," Olympios said in the interview. Apparently, the medication she was on impairs judgement and balance, can cause blackouts and isn't supposed to be mixed with alcohol — which Olympios says she didn't know.

"It's like I'm watching … not me, I'm watching someone else," she said about watching the footage of her and DeMario's hook up.

"I'm really happy this is coming to an end," she said. Me too, girl. I'm happy that you're happy.

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Best Jersey Shore beach eats

From quick boardwalk bites to diners and pizza joints, here's where to fuel up on a Jersey Shore beach day.

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Summer may be winding down, but there's still time to head down the shore before fall hits. Doesn't a late August/early September beach day sound refreshing? While you're out there, you'll need some sustenance, whether it's a quick boardwalk bite or a sit-down meal at the end of the day. Here are our favorite places to fuel up from Long Branch all the way down to Cape May.

Monmouth County

Start your day with breakfast or duck out of the sun for lunch at **The Ocean View Bakery** in **Long Branch**. A true local destination, the place is more of a no-frills deli than a bakery, with an authentic Italian mom-and-pop vibe. Try their classic chicken parm sandwich ($11.56). *319 Morris Ave, Long Branch, Monday - Saturday 6 a.m. - 4 p.m., 732 222-2125.*

Johnny's Pork-Roll and Coffee Truck in **Asbury Park** is the spot to grab a quick lunch to eat on the boardwalk or bring back down to the sand. Order The Sandwich ($6), a classic porkroll, egg and cheese, or try one of their signature takes on Jersey's most beloved sandwich, like The Hawaiian ($7), with thickly sliced pork roll, swiss cheese, pineapple, barbecue and sriracha sauce. *7th Ave. & the boardwalk, Asbury Park, Monday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m., johnnyporkroll.com*

The Ocean City boardwalk. ISTOCK

Ocean County

On your way to Seaside, stop in for breakfast at **Shut Up and Eat!** in **Toms River**. It is unlike any other breakfast and lunch joint, with mismatching decor, waitstaff clad in pajamas and a never-ending menu including 71 waffle dishes, 20 grilled cheese variations and 18 hot dog combinations. Try the Elvis French Toast ($5.98) made with peanut butter, banana and bacon, or the grilled mac and cheese ($9.33), a grilled cheese with tomato, bacon, ham or pork roll. *804 Main St., Toms River, Monday-Saturdays 6:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m., Sundays until 3 p.m., shutupandeat-tr.com*

If you're on LBI, you must visit **The Chicken or the Egg**. Dubbed "Chegg" by the locals and tourists, the menu has something for everyone, from breakfast classics to 16 wing varieties to healthyish wraps and salads. Those craving adventure can try the Ludicrous Challenge, which dares wing eaters to eat 12 jumbo wings covered in their homemade ludicrous sauce ($12.99) in 15 minutes. If completed, customers receive a T-shirt and get their name on a plaque. If you're not in the mood for your mouth to feel like it's on fire for the next three days, but you still could eat, try the Fat Chegg ($9.59): buffalo chicken fingers, mozzarella sticks, onion rings, jalapeno poppers, and fries stuffed in a wrap and served with bleu cheese or ranch dressing. *207 North Bay Avenue, Beach Haven, 24 hours Monday- Sunday, 492fowl.com.*

Cape May County

Boardwalk pizza: overpriced and usually overrated. If you're looking for a good slice, head to **Manco and Manco's** pizza in **Ocean City**. Since their first location opened in the summer of 1956, they've been tossing pies and entertaining customers from their open kitchen facing the ocean. The pizzeria has developed a cult-like following, with locals and tourists alike claiming they serve the best pizza around. Order a whole pie for the family, and try the bacon chicken ranch, topped with chicken breast marinated in ranch, bacon, with red or white sauce ($23). *900 Boardwalk, Ocean City, Monday - Sunday, 11 a.m. - 11 p.m., mancospizza.com.*

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One of Philadelphia's most livable neighborhoods, charming Fairmount has a storied history. Once a rural riverside suburb where prominent 18th-century Philadelphians retreated to their country estates, the area gave way to industrialization by the 19th century. Factories, breweries and foundries moved in, and with them came workers who lived in the row homes and townhouses that are today emblematic of the neighborhood.

Stretching from Spring Garden to Girard and Broad Street to the Schuylkill River, Fairmount is ideally located to give residents the best of city living. "Fairmounters" – a mix of young families, single professionals and lifelong residents whose neighborhood ties extend back for generations – have everything they need just steps from home. Realtor James Price of Keller Williams Center City Realty says Fairmount "has so much to offer in terms of dining and nightlife that many residents don't need or want to trek to Center City." Great bars and restaurants like Umai Umai (for sushi) and A Mano (for housemade pasta) make dining out convenient. Opportunities for recreation abound: hikers take to trails in Fairmount Park; bikers and runners enjoy Kelly Drive; and rowers in sculls glide gracefully along the Schuylkill River. For commuters, the neighborhood also provides easy access to I-76 and I-676.

A favorite of tourists as well, Fairmount boasts plenty of attractions. Many of those 18th-century country retreats are now open to visitors and are especially festive in December when decorated for the annual holiday house tour. Nearby, Eastern State Penitentiary, which once housed notorious criminals like Al Capone, is one of the city's most offbeat destinations; each October sees its cell blocks transformed into a haunted house with the popular "Terror Behind the Walls." Sometimes called the Art Museum Area, the neighborhood is also home to the Philadelphia Museum of Art — situated on the original "Fairmount" — Rodin Museum and Barnes Foundation.

"Like almost every neighborhood bordering Center City," says Price, Fairmount is on the upswing" and the real estate market reflects that. "Any home that is priced at market value is selling in a matter of days."

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Giroux most important Flyers player next season

If the Flyers want to make the Playoffs again in 2017-18, they'll need their captain Claude Giroux to return to top form.

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Whether the Flyers make the playoffs this season will not be determined by the play Nolan Patrick, this year's first-round draft pick, or any other rookies who could make the team, nor the development of second- and third-year players such Shayne Gostisbehere, Ivan Provorov and Travis Konecny or the goalie tandem of Michal Neuvirth and newly-signed Brian Elliott.

Rather, the fate of the team's postseason hopes is tethered to their captain, Claude Giroux.

If he can return to his old form when 70-plus points were the norm, count the Flyers in the thick of the playoff hunt. If he continues his disturbing pattern of rapid decline, they have little chance of playing beyond the first week of April.

The burning question is what has happened to the former all-star?

When Giroux posted 93 points in 2011-12, he was considered one of the best players in the league. Just five years later, at age 29, many experts wonder if he is still even the best player on the Flyers.

Last season he finished with a meager 58 points, a career low in a full season, including 14 goals and was a minus-15, also a career worst. The one bright spot was his 31 power play points, which ranked fourth in the league. Granted, he had offseason hip surgery, which limited his mobility for the bulk of the year and clearly impacted his effectiveness.

However, 2016-17 was hardly an anomaly. His point totals have gone down in each of the last four years from 86 to 73 to 67 to 58. At this rate, he'd struggle to crack 50 points this year.

Following last season, General Manager Ron Hextall admitted it was a down year for Giroux but stopped short of calling it a trend and expressed confidence he will reverse course.

"I don't think Giroux had a great year," he said. "He's not on the decline. … He's a very driven athlete and I know he's going to train hard this [summer]."

Still, many are concerned the No. 1 center, who has an $8.2 million cap hit through 2021-21, is on the downside of his career.

Giroux knows there is only one way to erase those doubts.

"There were times during the season that I was playing really good, and then it kind of dipped down a little bit and went back," Giroux said in the spring. "I'm frustrated at myself and how I played, but I'm not going to back down. I'm not going to pout about it.

"I'm going to go back to work and be the player I can be."

The Flyers better hope so.

Giroux in decline?

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2013-14	28 goals, 58 assists
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2015-16	22 goals, 45 assists
2016-17	14 goals, 44 assists

*48 games

Will Claude Giroux prove his prime is not behind him in 2017-18? GETTY IMAGES

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College football preview: Ferrante era kicks off for Villanova on Saturday

The Wildcats will start the 2017 college football season with a new head coach for the first time in decades.

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Yes, in many ways it's different this year at Villanova. But in others, it's not.

After all, Mark Ferrante's voice is a familiar one, since he's been on the scene long before any of them were born, let alone arrived on the Main Line campus. Only now his voice, rather than Andy Talley's, is the one that matters most.

"Honestly not much has changed," said nose tackle Ricky Young, as the Wildcats prepare to open the 2017 season Saturday at Lehigh. "The coaching switch was a smooth transition, and a lot of the same coaches stayed on. But I think this camp has gone better than those in the past."

How that translates once they start putting those practices into game action remains to be seen. But with 15 returning starters and 32 letter winners, including quarterback Zach Bednarczyk, leading rusher Aaron Forbes, top receiver Taurus Phillips, leading tackler, Jeff Steeb and ballhawk Rob Rolle it's not like Talley left the cupboard bare.

"We have a strong nucleus returning on both sides of the ball," Ferrante, who joined Talley's staff in 1987 simply never left, said "Coach Talley has built this program from the ground up. The winning formula is already in place."

Quarterback Zach Bednarczyk returns as a grizzled veteran for 2017. GETTY IMAGES

That formula resulted in an NCAA championship in 2009 along with 11 other postseason berths. After an injury-plagued 6-5 year in 2015, the Cats made it to the second round of the tournament last season, before falling at South Dakota State, 10-7.

In their minds they underachieved.

"That's been the story our whole careers here at Villanova," Rolle, a senior safety said. "Our freshman year we were 11-3 and lost all three games by a total of five points. Last year we lost to South Dakota State by another three points. Losing by such small margins makes you go back and be hungrier."

For the most part it's been more sweet than bitter for Bednarczyk, who was pressed into duty as a redshirt freshman when 2014 Walter Payton Award winner John Robertson blew out his knee. Last year, while guiding the Cats to a 9-4 mark, Bednarczyk threw for 2,158 yards and 19 touchdowns, while rushing for 539 and two more scores.

"I'm way more comfortable with the offense this year," the junior said. "I feel like I understand the plays more and know what coach wants me to do."

Defensively, the Cats should be tough as well, led by pre-season All America safety Rolle, linebackers Steeb and Ed Shockley, cornerback Malik Reaves and Young.

"We have a lot of play makers on our defense," Shockley said. "You can't just focus on one person on our defense. If so that will open the door for others."

Just like the door that's finally opened for Ferrante, after 30 years waiting in the wings.

"Some little things will change but they won't be noticeable," the coach said. "But they've heard me before. The difference is now I'm doing it all."

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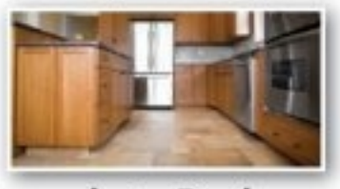

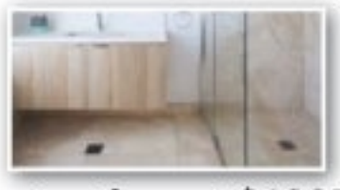

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37 Fellow
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40 Charged particle
41 Floated down the river
42 Rumple
43 WWII foot soldiers
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46 Northern seabird
47 Clan ID
50 Mighty -- -- oak
53 Inaccuracy
56 Calcutta nanny
58 Nabisco shortbread cookie
(2 wds.)
60 As it happens
61 More than willing
62 Ajar
63 Patch locale
64 Form a gully
65 Celebration
66 Realty sign

Down

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2 Gawks at
3 Animal tether
4 Got edgy (2 wds.)
5 Moons' tracks
6 Takes on cargo
7 Blouse trim
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9 Tijuana "Mrs."
10 Force
11 Weapon supplies
12 Durocher and Tolstoy
13 Fried cornbread
19 Mitten cousins
24 One, in Munich
26 Bottle cap
28 Party centerpieces
29 Cooled down
30 Egret cousin
31 Gets some sun
32 Wild ox of Tibet
33 Wave away
34 Suspend
35 Country cousin
37 British FBI
38 Avoided
39 Debates better
41 Frat letter
42 Spoil
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45 Granddad, to dad
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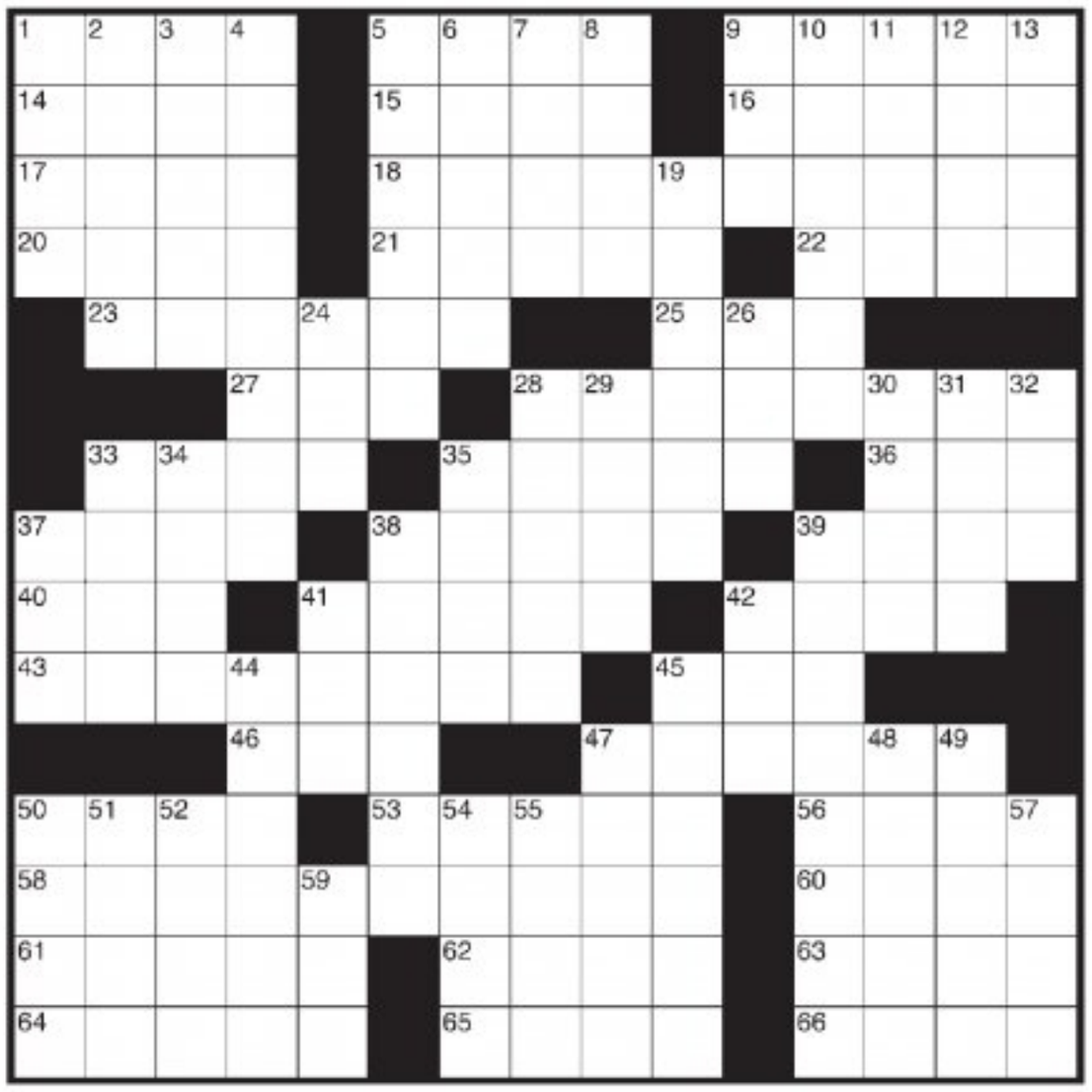

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Aries Make travel plans or sign up for an event that explores new updates regarding one of your interests. Trade shows or personal improvements are all highlighted.

Taurus A chance to get ahead financially will be within reach. An unexpected source will help you gain access to helpful information. A gift will take you by surprise.

Gemini Don't let anger take control. Keep busy with projects that will bring you the most satisfaction and new opportunities. Trust in your talent, not in someone else's.

Cancer A job prospect will be misrepresented. Before you make a commitment, find out exactly what the job entails and how much you'll be paid. Don't work for nothing.

Leo Work hard, play hard and share your feelings with the people you respect and care about most. Change is heading your way, but it's up to you to navigate what transpires.

Virgo Try to resolve any unfinished business. Positive change can be made if you are willing to do things differently. Don't let stubbornness stand between you and success.

Libra Pitch in and do your fair share. Your contribution will give you a sense of belonging and satisfaction. Taking short trips and reconnecting with old friends are highlighted.

Scorpio Concentrate on getting ahead. Taking on a new job or project or putting in extra hours will pay off. Make things happen. Your contributions will be recognized.

Sagittarius Concentrate on inner strength and outer beauty. Meditating and reflecting on the past can help you build a better future. Health and fitness are encouraged.

Capricorn Look for good investments, but don't fall for a fast-talking sales pitch intended to take your cash and give little in return. Choose to go it alone over a joint venture.

Aquarius If you pitch in and do your best, the rewards will be worth your while. Sharing your ideas makes a difference and will lead to new friendships and opportunities.

Pisces Make everything you do count. Whether self-employed or working for someone, your performance will affect the way you advance. EUGENIA LAST

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